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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Louis BOYER et al.

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For: PROGRAMMABLY TIMABLE PRIMING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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In reply to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, the period for response being extended by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) A priming device for a detonator, comprising:

timing means for timing the action of a firing element of a primer;

an electrical power supply that provides a first power intensity to the timing

means; and

power generating means, the power generating means capable of generating,

through a resistive circuit, a second power intensity sufficient to actuate the firing element